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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING BY BURMESE DISSIDENT GROUPS

REF: MEMCON OF MAR 11 OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN U TOE LWIN,
BURMESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND MR. RICHARD M. GIBSON, EA/TB

1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED TO NOTE THE LINE CONVEYED BY U TOE
LWIN OF BURMESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON (REF) THAT U.S.-SUPPLIED
NARCOTICS EQUIPMENT CAN BE USED AGAINST ALL BURMESE DISSIDENTS,
AS "THEY ALL TRAFFIC." OBVIOUSLY, IT IS CONVENIENT FOR THE
BURMESE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE SUCH A LINE, AS IT WOULD MAKE IT
POSSIBLE FOR THE GUB TO UNDERTAKE A GENERAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST
ALL DISSIDENTS, USING U.S.-SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT.

2. EMBASSY BANGKOK DEFERS TO THE JUDGEMENT OF EMBASSY RANGOON
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AND THE DEPARTMENT ON THIS MATTER, BUT IT IS OUR CLEAR UNDER
STANDING THAT BY NO RPT NO MEANS ALL BURMESE DISSIDENTS ARE
TRAFFICKERS. U TOE LWIN'S SUGGESTION IN REF THAT THE KAREN
ARE ALSO TRAFFICKERS ALSO APPEARS GROSSLY INACCURATE. MANY
OF KAREN DISSIDENTS ARE CHRISTIANS, WITH CLOSE LINKS TO U.S.
MISSIONARY GROUPS WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED TO OPPOSE STRONGLY
A GENERAL GUB OFFENSIVE AGAINST KAREN.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY RANOON WOULD REVIEW THE SITUATION AND INDICATE WHICH DISSIDENT GROUPS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

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